

# Assisting Haiti Nurse Educators in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, with Strategies to Expand Their Nursing Knowledge and Practice



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## Introduction

- For more than fourteen years, U.S. Nurse Educators have collaborated with Haiti Nurse Educators in the planning of thirteen symposiums.
- The collaborative effort has been successful due to the development of a trusting relationship between the U.S. Nurse Educators and colleagues at Grace Children's Hospital and the Haiti National School of Nursing in Port-au-Prince.
- Two distinct phases of strategies have emerged over the years to assist the Haiti Nurse Educators in expanding their nursing knowledge and practice.
- The January 2010 earthquake was a trigger which led to an increase in collaborative efforts by the US. Nurse Educators with their Haitian colleagues.



## Phase 1 Strategies

- Informal walking rounds with nursing management at Grace Children's Hospital to identify learning needs of management and staff.
- Nursing leadership request in assistance to develop a program for nursing management.
- Design programs to teach event planning details.
- Early topics included targeted marketing, budgeting, venue, programs, and form development.
- Current topics developed in response to Haitian Nurse Leadership
  - Infectious diseases
  - Team building
  - Evidence based practice



## Ebola Virus Presentation



## Phase 2 Strategies

- Establishment of a nursing student scholarship program at the Haiti National School of Nursing, [www.haitinursingstudents.org](http://www.haitinursingstudents.org).
- Needs assessment data indicated enthusiastic interest in simulation-based training and advanced nursing degrees.
- BSN program implemented.
- Induction of two Haitian nursing colleagues into STTI Delta Theta Chapter, May, 2015.



## Simulation Laboratory Established

- Anonymous donation provided start-up funds for a group of manikins.
- Space allocated at Grace Children's Hospital for the sim lab.
- Static and low-fidelity options at this time.
- First set of manikins arrived March, 2015 at Grace Children's Hospital Education Center.
- Search for an RN Simulation Champion to be responsible for all aspects of the simulation programs.
- Training health educators in the use of manikins to practice basic nursing skills, perform procedures, develop decision making skills and enhance critical thinking.
- Implement a Train the Trainer program.
- Purchase of equipment for training in newborn survival.



## Future Strategies

- Collaboration with two volunteer pediatricians to conduct the Essential Care for Every Baby course and Helping Babies Breathe training in November, 2015.
- Train the Trainer Simulation Education Day in November, 2015.
- Increase the number of Marie Yolande Nazaire Haiti National School of Nursing Scholarship Fund recipients.
- Explore the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals with our Haitian colleagues.



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